

DISPATCH

CLASSIFICATION

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PROCESSING ACTION

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ONLY QUALIFIED DESK
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MICROFILM

TO

CHIEF, BONN OPERATIONS BASE

INFO.

CHIEF OF STATION, GERMANY

CHIEF, CSB, FRANKFURT

FROM

CHIEF, SR VIA CHIEF, EE

SUBJECT

REDWOOD/AEABYSS

ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

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ACTION REQUIRED - PLS COMMENT ON DISPATCH

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DATE 2005

1. WE NOTICE IN REF THAT ONLY SHORT DEBRIEFING SESSION POSSIBLE DURING AEABYSS/1'S LAST TRIP TO GERMANY. AWARE THAT HANDLING AEABYSS/1 FROM BONN COSTLY IN TERMS OF TIME AND CASE OFFICER TRAVEL AND WE QUESTION DESIRABILITY OF CONTINUING THE EFFORT. APPARENT FROM LAST TWO DEBRIEFINGS AEABYSS/1 NOT LIKELY TO GAIN ACCESS TO PRIORITY TARGETS LEVIED EGFW - 16231, 2 MAR 64. IF, HOWEVER, CALIBER OF HIS REPORTING ROUTINE TOPICS COULD IMPROVE SUBSTANTIALLY WITHOUT ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE BASE TIME, THEN MIGHT BE WORTHWHILE TO CONTINUE THE OPERATION.

2. WE HOPE THAT FOR NEXT DEBRIEFING ENOUGH TIME CAN BE ARRANGED TO ASSESS AEABYSS/1 THOROUGHLY AND TO DETERMINE WHAT STEPS MIGHT BE TAKEN TO IMPROVE QUALITY HIS REPORTING. FOR INSTANCE, MIGHT QUALITY BE IMPROVED BY SOME TRAINING DURING AEABYSS/1'S NEXT TRIP GERMANY? WOULD A SAFE-HOUSE FOR BRIEFING AND DEBRIEFING HELP? DEBRIEFING IN HOME ☒ WAS ARRANGED AS EMERGENCY STOP-GAP MEASURE EARLY IN THE AEABYSS VENTURE. DO YOU THINK CHANGING THE OPERATIONAL SETTING, MAKING IT MORE SECURE AND BUSINESS-LIKE, MIGHT HELP MATTERS? OR, ON THE OTHER HAND, IS THIS OPERATION ALREADY PRODUCING AT ITS OPTIMUM LEVEL, GIVEN ITS BUILT-IN PROBLEMS?

3. THERE ARE ALSO SECURITY ASPECTS WITH REGARD TO AEABYSS/1'S TIME IN USSR. SINCE LONG PERIODS USSR RESIDENCE PROVIDE EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY KGB INTELLIGENCE APPROACH OR AT VERY LEAST CAREFUL ASSESSMENT, WE WOULD HOPE THAT AT DEBRIEFING AFTER EACH TRIP, THE SUBJECT OF POSSIBLE APPROACHES IS COVERED IN DEPTH. WE DO NOT FEEL CONFIDENT, FOR INSTANCE, THAT THE TSITRIN INCIDENT WAS CASUAL. WE HAVE SOME CONCERN ABOUT POSSIBILITY IT MAY STILL REPRESENT FUTURE TROUBLE FOR AEABYSS/1.

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UNLESS DEBRIEFING TIME LONG ENOUGH TO MAKE POSSIBLE COVERAGE IN DEPTH OF CE MATTERS, AS WELL AS ALLOWING TIME FOR BRIEFING AND DEBRIEFING ON HIS FI TARGETS, RISKS MAY NOT BE WORTH THE EFFORT. SEE PUBLICATION "KGB WORK AGAINST FOREIGN TOURISTS."

4. SINCE AEABYSS/1 ACCEPTS NO SALARY, ANY CONTROL MUST NECESSARILY BE EXERCISED THROUGH OTHER MEANS. EARLY IN RELATIONSHIP WE ABLE DO FAVORS FOR ☐ WHOSE SON IN PBPRIME. ANY FURHTER SUCH ACTS WHICH AEABYSS/1 MIGHT CONSTRUE AS REWARD FOR HIS EFFORTS MAY INVOLVE MORE CASE OFFICER TIME THAN THE BASE WISHES TO SPARE. IS HIS IDEOLOGICAL MOTIVATION SUFFICIENT TO PERSUADE HIM TO PUT FORTH GREATER EFFORT ON OUR BEHALF?

5. WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS ON QUESTIONS RAISED IN THIS DISPATCH, AS WELL AS YOUR VIEWS ON THE AMOUNT OF BASE EFFORT THE AEABYSS OPERATION SHOULD RECEIVE.

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